Name:	Nathan Rashleigh
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Parent/Guardian:	Neil and Henriette
School:	Karalee
Year:	Preschool
Teacher:	Elaine Anscombe
Date of Assessment:	28/7/94 and 3/11/94

Reason for Referral:

Nathan was referred by his Preschool teacher because of concern about continuing difficulties with concentration and following directions. She reports that he needs to be constantly focussed by adults in order to commence set tasks and even then he rarely completes them.

Assessment:

Nathan was observed at preschool on a number of occasions between July and November. His concentration span and distractibility was always an issue, despite clear evidence of good cognitive ability and general readiness for academic learning. In July he was administered the Daberon Screening Device for School Readiness and preformed at the 83 percentile for his age.

On 3 November 1995, aged almost 5½ years, his general intellectual ability was assessed using the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI).

On this test he performed within the Superior Range of ability, with a score that places him in the top 5% for his age.

Full results were as follows:

Verbal Scale		Performance Scale	
Information	11	Animal House (coding task)	14
Vocabulary	13	Picture Completion	13
Arithmetic	14	Mazes	11
Similarities	13	Geometric Design	16
Comprehension	18	Block Design	13
Sentences	11		
Verbal Score	124	Performance Score	123

Full Scale IQ 126

However, he tended to be very squirmy and fidgety during the test situation, and his attention was erratic, particularly on the Memory for Sentences subtest.

Action:

Discussion with Mrs Rashleigh:
Nathan is a child of strong intellectual ability, but unless he is able to focus his attention and maintain concentration within a busy classroom environment, he is unlikely to achieve to his full potential in school. Many and consistent efforts have been made within the preschool setting to assist him to develop these skills but with little success.

It would seem likely that an Attention Deficit Disorder may be present rather than "immaturity".

Mrs Rashleigh is to consult a paediatrician for further investigation of Nathan's attentional difficulties.

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Llyris Knock
Guidance Officer